REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	12 March 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Sweet Meat Lost Innocence
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Street Times Video
Producer:	Street Times Video
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording Umatic
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Sweet Meat Lost Innocence	Running time:	60.47
Trailers:	Nil	Running time:	
		Total Running time:	60.47

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Sweet Meat Lost Innocence* is classified as: objectionable.

Sweet Meat Lost Innocence contains four scenes which explicitly depict sexual activities involving young men and is intended for a homosexual male audience. Sex scenes are interspersed with apparently unscripted scenes showing adolescent boys engaged in various pursuits on a California beach. These youths are portrayed as sexually desirable, largely through the voyeuristic point-of-view of an older man who acts as a between-scenes narrator. The participants in the sex scenes are youthful, with one boy appearing to be in his mid-teens. Two scenes depict the verbal and physical coercion of adolescent boys to force them to take part in sexual activities. The video recording promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and the use of coercion to compel a person to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct. The right to freedom of expression contained in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) does not apply to this publication because it contains material which falls under the criteria of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). The deeming provisions of s3(2) of the FVPC Act override s14 of the NZBR Act.

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